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Man Awakes From Surgery With Empathy for Cattle

Breckenridge, Colo., authorities said a Texas Christian University student who suffered burns when his peers branded his buttocks participated in the act willingly and no charges will be filed. Amon Carter IV had Greek symbols from his fraternity and a sorority branded on his buttocks Jan. 8 and needed surgery after suffering second-and third-degree burns. (AP)

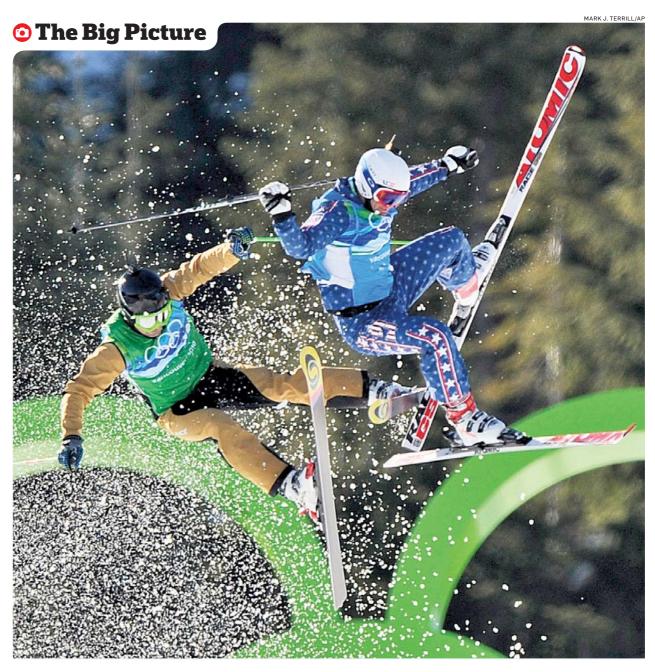
Rarer Than the Dodo: An Uncashed Insurance Check

A Florida woman who went looking for a photo of her ex-husband says she found a \$17,500 insurance claim check from 1978 instead. Barbara Cosgrove found the check in a drawer at her Lauderhill home. She said she'd looked in the drawer "a thousand times" before. It's unclear whether Cosgrove can claim the money, as the insurance company was declared insolvent. (AP)

Whatever, It's All Just A Popularity Contest

A man who is only 22 inches tall left Nepal on Sunday in a quest to be recognized as the world's shortest man. Khagendra Thapa Magar, 18, is traveling to Europe to campaign for the Guinness world record title. Magar's family initially filed a claim when he was 14, but it was rejected because he was not an adult. The current record is held by He Pingping of China, who is 29 inches tall. (AP)





FRANCE'S TED PICCARD, left, and American Daron Rahlves, right, crash out during the quarterfinals of the Olympic men's skicross Sunday in Vancouver, British Columbia. In the sport's inaugural Olympic competition, Switzerland's Michael Scmid won the gold medal, beating Austria's Andreas Matt in the final. (AP)

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Study: Test Tube Kids Seem Fine

San Diego

More than 30 years after the world greeted its first "test-tube" baby with a mixture of awe and concern, researchers say they are

finding only a few

medical differenc-

es between these

children and kids

conceived in the

3 million children

have been born as

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The number of babies, in thou

The number of babies, in thousands, born in the U.S. in 2008 through assisted reproductive technology.

is called assisted reproductive technology, researchers reported Sunday.

The majority of assisted reproduction children are healthy and normal, according to researchers who have studied them. Some of these children do face an increased risk of birth defects, and of low birth weight, which is associated with obesity, hypertension and Type 2 diabetes later in life.

"Overall, these children do well," said Andre Van Steirteghem of the Brussels Free University Center for Reproductive Medicine. "It is a reassuring message, but we must continue to follow up." (AP)

'Don't Ask' Fight Just Beginning

Military chiefs to air views on letting gay troops serve openly

Washington

Lawmakers this week will press the military's top uniformed officers for the first time on whether they think repealing "don't ask, don't tell" makes sense or would be too disruptive.

The testimony from each of the service chiefs on Capitol Hill will be crucial to the debate in Congress on whether to repeal the 17-year-old law, which bans gays from serving openly in the military.

President Obama says the policy unfairly punishes patriots who want to serve their country. Defense Secretary Robert Gates agrees and has begun a yearlong study on how to mitigate the impact of lifting the ban.

Providing much-needed political cover is the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Adm. Mike Mullen, who has said he thinks the law unfairly forces gay troops to compromise their integrity by



Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Adm. Mike Mullen supports President Obama's push to repeal the "don't ask, don't tell" policy that bans gays from serving openly.

lying about who they are.

But lawmakers, who are divided on whether to end the ban, say they want to hear from the service chiefs. They are the ones who would be in charge of putting any changes in place.

While Mullen says he believes the ban should be lifted, he has said he can't speak for the service chiefs other than to say they support Gates' yearlong assessment.

The service chiefs are scheduled to testify separately throughout the week, with the Army's Gen. George Casey and the Air Force's Gen. Norton Schwartz going first on Tuesday. Marine Corps Commandant Gen. James Conway, who is said to oppose changes to the policy, will

A Nonissue?



The U.S. commander overseeing troops in Iraq and Afghanistan says he's not sure that troops in the field

care about the sexual orientation of fellow service members. Gen. David Petraeus says he's served alongside gays and lesbians, and what matters are someone's skills and smarts. But he wouldn't give his personal opinion on whether the "don't ask, don't tell" policy should be lifted. (AP)

testify on Wednesday.

Pew research has found that support for letting gays serve openly has risen from just over half of all those surveyed in 1994 to 58 percent in 2005 and about 60 percent since 2006.

Reversing the military's policy on gays, which would require an act of Congress, is seen by most as the biggest upheaval to the military's personnel policies since the 1948 executive order on racial integration. ANNE FLAHERTY (AP)



PATRIOTISM

For more than a century, "The Star-Spangled Banner" was not played at Goshen College, a Christian school in Goshen, Ind., with ties to the Mennonite Church. But that's changing. The college

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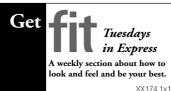
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GOP to Join Health Care Summit

Top Republican says Democrats' approach to bill is 'arrogant'

Washington

The Senate's top Republican promised Sunday morning that he and other Republicans will attend President Obama's health care summit on Thursday "ready to participate" but said the Democrats are being "arrogant" by refusing to scrap their legislation and start over.

"You know, they are saying, 'Ignore the wishes of the American people. We know more about this than you do. And we're going to jam it down your throats no mat-

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Sen. Mitch McConnell says Democrats are ignoring the wishes of Americans. •••••

ter what," Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., said on "Fox News Sunday."

Republicans have accused the president of using Thursday's summit as political theater, and had raised the prospect of not attending.

McConnell said his party will continue to oppose Democrats if they try to use the parliamentary tactic called "reconciliation" to pass parts of their health care agenda without 60 votes in the Senate.

The Thursday event, scheduled to be televised live on C-SPAN, could prove to be a pivotal moment in the year-long struggle to overhaul the health-care system. The White House is expected to release Obama's health care blueprint on Monday, a proposal drawing from the two Democratic bills stalled in Congress. SHAILAGH MURRAY AND MICHAEL D. SHEAR (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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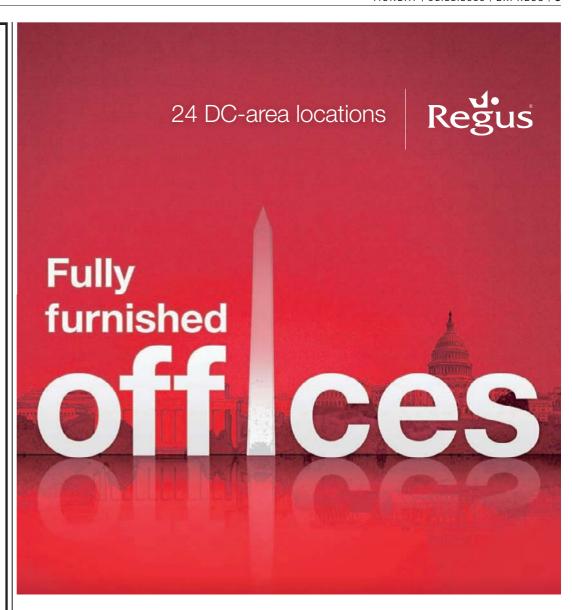
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In Brief



A pedestrian walks under the bridge where three teens were killed Saturday.

MELBOURNE, FLA.

Three Teenagers Struck, Killed by Train on Bridge

Three teenage girls were joking around and taking pictures on a narrow bridge when they were hit by a train, killing them as a friend watched helplessly, police and a witness said Sunday. The girls and the fourth teenager, a boy, had been hanging out in downtown Melbourne when they decided to cross the trestle around 6:30 p.m. Saturday, Lt. Curtis Barger said. The boy yelled for the girls to run when he saw the train approach, then told them to jump, Barger said. The girls did not have enough time to flee. (AP)

TYLER, TEXAS

Arrests in Church Fires

Federal authorities said Sunday they have charged two suspects in a series of church fires in Texas. Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives spokesman Tom Crowley said Jason Robert Bourque, 19, and Daniel George McAllister, 21, were charged Sunday with five counts of felony arson in connection with fires at churches. Authorities said at least 11 blazes at Texas churches have been set intentionally in 2010. (AP)

LOS ANGELES

Peak Loses Racial Name

A peak previously known as Negrohead Mountain was officially renamed Saturday in honor of a black pioneer. The 2,031-foot mountain near Malibu became Ballard Mountain after John Ballard, a former slave who bought land on the mountain in 1880. The name originally contained a vulgar racial slur that was changed to "negro" in the 1960s. (AP)

New Forecast: Fewer, Stronger Hurricanes

Scientists say global warming will have an impact on storms

Washington

Top researchers now agree that the world is likely to experience stronger but fewer hurricanes in the future because of global warming, seemingly settling a long scientific debate on the subject.

Since just before Hurricane Katrina hit the U.S. in 2005, dueling scientific papers have clashed on whether global warming is worsening hurricanes and will do so in the future. The new study seems to split the difference.



A sailboat sits on a sidewalk after being washed ashore by Hurricane Andrew in 1992.

"We've really come a long way in the last two years about our knowledge of the hurricane and climate issue," said study co-author Chris Landsea, a National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration hurricane researcher.

The study offers projections

for tropical cyclones worldwide by the end of this century. Overall strength of storms as measured in wind speed will rise by 2 to 11 percent, but there will be between 6 and 34 percent fewer storms, the study predicts.

An 11 percent increase in wind speed translates to roughly a 60 percent increase in damage, said study co-author Kerry Emanuel, a professor of meteorology at MIT.

That study suggests the number of Category 4 and 5 Atlantic hurricanes - those with winds more than 130 mph — will nearly double by the end of the century. On average, a Category 4 or stronger hurricane hits the U.S. about once every seven years. SETH BORENSTEIN (AP)

Hearsay



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World



Israeli soldiers look at a pilotless plane.

Israel Unveils Fleet of Drones

Tel Nof Air Force Base. **Israel**

Israel's air force on Sunday introduced a fleet of huge pilotless planes that can remain in the air for a full day and could fly as far as the Persian Gulf, putting rival Iran within its range.

The Heron TP drones have a wingspan of 86 feet, making them the size of Boeing 737 jets and the largest unmanned aircraft in Israel's military. The planes can fly at least 20 consecutive hours and are primarily used for surveillance and carrying diverse payloads.

The unmanned plane resembles its predecessor, the Heron, but can fly higher, reaching an altitude of more than 40,000 feet. (AP)

Taliban Stage Tough Resistance

Cornered in Afghan village, militants stay to fight NATO troops

Marja, Afghanistan

Outnumbered and outgunned, Taliban fighters are mounting a tougher fight than expected in Marja, Afghan officials said Sunday, as U.S.-led forces converged on a pocket of militants in a western section of the town.

Despite ongoing fighting, the newly appointed civilian chief for Marja said he plans to fly into the town Monday for the first time since the attack to begin restoring Afghan government control and winning over the population after years of Taliban rule.

With fighter jets, drones and attack helicopters roaring overhead, Marine and Afghan companies advanced Sunday on a 2-square-mile area where at least 40 insurgents were believed to be holed up.

"They are squeezed," said Lt. Col. Brian Christmas, commander of the 3rd Battalion, 6th Marine



U.S. soldiers aim guns at Taliban militants during a fight in Badula Qulp, Afghanistan.

Regiment. "It looks like they want to stay and fight, but they can always drop their weapons and slip away. That's the nature of this war."

U.S. officials signaled their intention to attack Marja, a major Taliban supply and opium-smuggling center, months ago, apparently in hopes the insurgents would flee and allow the U.S.-led force to take over quickly.

Instead, the insurgents rigged

Marja with bombs and booby traps to slow the allied attack, which began Feb. 13. Teams of Taliban gunmen stayed in the town, delivering volleys of gunfire on Marine and Afghan units.

Afghan Defense Ministry spokesman Gen. Mohammad Zahir Azimi said the U.S. and its allies had expected the Taliban to leave behind thousands of hidden explosives, which they did. But they were

Meanwhile ...

Gen. David Petraeus, who oversees the wars in Afghanistan and Iraq, said on NBC's "Meet the Press" that Marja was the opening salvo in a campaign to turn back the Taliban that could last 12 to 18 months. In a setback to that strategy, the Dutch prime minister said Sunday that his country's 1,600 troops would probably leave Afghanistan this year. Prime Minister Jan Peter Balkenende spoke a day after his government collapsed when a coalition partner insisted the Dutch troops leave in August as planned. (AP)

surprised to find that so many militants stayed to fight.

"We predicted it would take many days. But our prediction was that the insurgency would not resist that way," Azimi said.

In a statement Sunday, NATO acknowledged that insurgents were putting up a "determined resistance" in various parts of Marjah, although the overall offensive is "on track." Alfred de Montesquiou (AP)

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A man rescues a dog on Sunday from a house wrecked by a mudslide the day before near Funchal, Madeira Island's capital.

Portugal Floods Kill 42

Some feared buried after storm triggered deluge, mudslides

Funchal, Madeira Island

Rescue workers in Madeira dug through heaps of mud, boulders and debris Sunday, searching for victims buried by floods and mudslides that have killed at least 42 people on the Portuguese island.

Residents looking for missing loved ones were directed by local authorities to the resort's international airport, where a makeshift morgue has been set up.

Social services spokesman

The Brazilian navy on Sunday

defended its response to a shipwreck

that left dozens of teenage students

from around the world adrift on the

craft about 19 hours after it received

a distress signal from the SV Con-

cordia on Wednesday, which offi-

cials say is in line with standard

The navy deployed a search air-

Atlantic Ocean for two nights.

Sao Paulo

Francisco Jardim Ramos said not all the bodies had been identified. The center is equipped with psychiatric, psychological and social counseling services, he said.

More than 120 other people were injured and an unknown number were missing, possibly swept away or smothered, authorities said, adding the death toll could still rise. Of 248 people who were forced to flee their homes for temporary shelters, 85 have been allowed to return home, Ramos said.

Late Sunday, a spokeswoman for the British Foreign Office confirmed that a British national had died, but declined to give further details. The spokeswoman spoke

Brazilian Navy Defends Its Response to Shipwreck

on condition of anonymity in line with department policy.

The Foreign Office also said a small number of Britons had been hospitalized on Madeira. The island is popular with British tourists, who regard wine made in Madeira as a luxury product.

The worst storm to hit Madeira since 1993 lashed the south of the Atlantic Ocean island, including the capital, Funchal, Saturday, turning some streets into torrents of mud. water and rolling debris.

"We heard a very loud noise, like rolling thunder; the ground shook and then we realized it was water coming down," said Simon Burgbage, of Britain. (AP)



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World

Brown Sees Red Over Depiction in New Book

British PM denies allegations that he abused, bullied staff

London

On Sunday, the British public was introduced to what one political journalist has painted as the dark face of the country's prime minister: an abusive man whose rages were so intense the country's top bureaucrat had to intervene to com-

fort his distressed staff.

The description, carried in the book "The End of the Party," by Observer journalist Andrew Rawnsley, is vigorously contested by Prime Minister Gordon Brown and his lieutenants — who say that, while the prime minister does get angry, he's not a bully.

Rawnsley's book and its contents — extracts of which were published in an eight-page spread in the Observer — dominated Britain's media Sunday.



British Prime Minister Gordon Brown on Sunday denied claims he abused staff.

In one passage, the book describes Brown as furious when a journalist identified similarities between a talk he gave at Labour's 2007 conference and speeches given by Al Gore and Bill Clinton. Bob Shrum, who worked for both before his job as speechwriter for Brown, was left shaking by an expletive-laden outburst from the prime minister, according to Rawnsley.

In another passage, the book describes Brown yanking a secretary from her chair when she typed too slowly.

Speaking to the Independent, Brown seemed particularly upset at rumors that the published extracts would carry allegations that he hit members of staff. They didn't, although there were references to alleged incidents in which the prime minister grabbed an aide by the lapels or manhandled a senior adviser.

"It is simply a lie to say I've hit anybody in my life," Brown told the paper. "I may have done one or two good tackles at rugby but this so-called inside account is just ludicrous." RAPHAEL G. SATTER (AP)

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Now, thanks to a long-awaited law that goes into effect Monday, you'll know that if you pay the minimum on a \$3,000 balance with a 14 percent interest rate, it could take you 10 years to pay off.

"Jaws will drop," said David Robertson, publisher of the Nilson Report, a newsletter that tracks the industry. "I don't doubt for a nanosecond that it's going to give a lot of people a sinking feeling in their stomachs."

That's not all that will make them queasy.

During the past nine months, credit card companies jacked up interest rates, created new fees and cut credit lines. They also closed millions of accounts. So, a law hailed as the most sweeping piece of consumer legislation in decades has helped make it more difficult for millions of Americans to get credit, and made that credit



Legislation that takes effect on Monday dramatically rewrites the laws governing the credit card industry in the United States.

more expensive.

It wasn't supposed to be this way. The law that President Obama signed last May shields card users from sudden interest rate hikes, excessive fees and other gimmicks that card companies have used to drive up profits. Consumers will save at least \$10 billion a year from curbs on interest rate increases alone, according to the Pew Charitable Trust, which tracks credit card issues.

But there was a catch. Card companies had nine months to prepare while certain rules were clarified by the Federal Reserve. They used that time to take actions that ended up hurting the same customers who were supposed to be helped.

Consumer advocates say the law still offers important protections for the users of about 1.4 billion credit cards.

"We expected some rate increases; we expected some annual fees," said Ed Mierzwinski of the U.S. Public Interest Research Group, an advocacy group that lobbied for the law. EILEEN AJ CONNELLY (AP)

The New Credit Landscape



Interest Rates

THEN: Banks could raise the interest rate on an account at any time, even if you weren't late on payments. NOW: For existing balances, rates can't be raised unless the account is at least 60 days past due. If payments are made on time for six consecutive months, the original rate must be restored. There is still no cap on interest rates.



Disclosures

THEN: The fine print on cardholder agreements was often difficult to understand. NOW: Cardholders will see how many months it will take to pay off a balance if only minimum payments are made. Statements will also indicate how much needs to be paid each month to pay off a balance within three years.



Service Fees

THEN: Banks could charge as much as they wanted. They could assess annual fees, activation fees and other fees. NOW: Service fees, such as activation and annual fees, will be capped at 25 percent of the credit limit during the first year of use. After that, there is no cap on the fees.



Grace Periods

THEN: Some card companies sent out statements not long before payments were due and sometimes shifted payment due dates from month to month.

NOW: The law requires that due dates remain consistent. Statements must be sent out 21 days before the payment due date, and finance charges and fees cannot be applied before that period is up.



Over-the-Limit Fees

THEN: Banks set credit limits, then routinely allowed charges to exceed those limits. When that happened, the customer was charged an over-the-limit fee. NOW: The cardholder must specifically agree to permit transactions that exceed the credit limit. Only then can fees be charged.



Students

THEN: Students arriving on college campuses were often confronted with a gauntlet of credit card offers. Credit cards were frequently handed out on the spot. NOW: Credit cards may no longer be issued to anyone under age 21 unless the applicant has a co-signer or can show independent means to repay the debt. (AP)

Money

Luckily for You, Taxes Still Apply

Gambling jackpots are merely income to officials at the IRS

Personal Finance

Clinching the office pool for March Madness entitles you to a pot of money and gloating rights. And nobody can take that away from you — except maybe the IRS.

Even if your winnings seem like chump change, any money you pocket from gambling is considered taxable income. It's not likely that the Internal Revenue Service will come after you for your NCAA pot, but there are times when reporting even casual winnings becomes more formal.

Depending on how often you frequent casinos or buy lottery tickets, you might also want to think about keeping a log of your gambling habit.

Regardless of whether you come out a winner, here are some points to remember when it comes time to file your tax returns with the IRS.



When to Report Winnings

Casinos, race tracks and other gambling operators are required to document winnings once they reach a certain threshold. With slot machines and bingo, casinos report any payout of \$1,200 or more to the IRS. For keno, it's \$1,500 and \$5,000 for poker tournaments.

For horse racing and lottery tickets, winnings of \$600 or more are reported when they're more

than 300 times the amount of the bet.

If you're lucky enough to find yourself in any of the above scenarios, you'll be asked for your Social Security number by the venue so your winnings can be reported. You'll also get a copy of the W-2G form documenting the payment.

Of course, not all gambling winnings trigger a W-2G form. It's up to you to report smaller winnings,

although you won't be audited for the \$100 you won at blackjack.

Making the Most of Losses

You can deduct gambling losses, but only up to the amount of your winnings. So if you win \$1,000 on a lottery ticket, that's as much as you can deduct in losses for the year.

Gambling losses have to be itemized, too, and it's not always worth deducting them. The IRS might also ask you to document your losses, so be ready to back up your claims.

Who's a Pro?

It's tempting to deduct travel and other gambling costs as business expenses. But just because you earn a nice chunk of money from poker tournaments doesn't mean you're a professional gambler in the eyes of the IRS.

You're generally considered a professional if you gamble regularly, continuously and to earn a living. You should also be able to show that you treat your gambling like a business, and keep appropriate records. CANDICE CHOI (AP)

DISCUSSIONS

Investing

Saving for a teenager's retirement might sound far-fetched to parent and child alike, but setting up a Roth retirement account for your teen can be a smart and rewarding move.

An Early Start.

When first entering the work force, many college graduates focus on paying off their student loans. Starting retirement savings in their teens, even if they aren't able to contribute for a number of years, at least puts some money to work early.

Good Habits.

Teaching young people to put money aside regularly in a retirement account and other financial needs buckets helps them be better prepared for various life stages.

Tax Benefits.

A working teen will have one of the lowest tax rates, making it a good trade-off to pay taxes on contributions now rather than in a few decades, when the tax rate will be much higher. DAVE CARPENTER (AP)

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Local

Shops Push Mission Over Money

With no real profits, retailers emphasize good-cause products

Washington

Signs on the front door of the World Bank's unabashedly wonky bookstore, the InfoShop, practically plead for customers to step inside: "Discounts for bank and fund staff & retirees on just about everything!"

It's not that the shop's titles aren't tantalizing. There are books on the South Asia bond market, conditional cash transfers and an HIV prevention plan for Lesotho — a selection that had Salvatore Salzillo, a manager at a federal financial agency, debating between "Development Economics" and "Teachers in Anglophone Africa."

Even as the recession leaves many retail strips pocked with shuttered stores, the Washington area remains home to some plucky businesses that define themselves as much by their mission as by their profits, which are often nonexistent.



Matthew McCombs peruses the books at the InfoShop at the World Bank on Feb. 17.

In a region with more than its share of wonks and do-gooders, mission-driven shops chug along despite high rents, a treacherous economy or - in the case of the nonprofit bookstore at the Busboys and Poets on 14th Street NW — customers who steal their lefty books.

Mission-driven stores reach out to customers with a blend of attractive products, idealism and an occasional injection of guilt. At Ten Thousand Villages, the walls feature maxims about sowing rice and finding happiness in service.

The InfoShop at the World Bank loses money, and parent World Bank Group, the publishing arm of the bank, recoups about two-thirds of its expenses annually, said Carlos Rossel, its publisher. One big reason for its lack of profits: All of its books are available for free online through Google. "We're the Robin Hood of publishing," said Jose de Buerba, the publishing arm's marketing head. IAN SHAPIRA (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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Transit system's ebb and flow captured during marathon trip

Washington

A day in the life of Metro begins without fanfare. In the predawn darkness, the manager of Takoma Station pulls up, turns on the escalators and opens the gates. The nation's second-largest rail transit system is open for business.

At 4:47 a.m., I walk in, the station's first rider of the day. I won't walk out again until nearly 1 the next morning.

With only quick breaks for station-side meals - breakfast in Dupont Circle, lunch in Ballston, dinner in Wheaton — I will ride every inch of every line, some several times. I will pass through all 86 stations and cover more than 150 miles.



A reporter passed through all 86 Metro stations and covered more than 150 miles.

Morning darkness is Metro's most serene phase. That first Red Line train is clean and nearly empty. Many of the riders are construction workers, wearing dirty boots and clean jeans, and carrying plastic coolers. No one wears earphones; no one talks on a cell phone.

After the morning rush comes a second, lesser calm. The crowd never truly thins at the downtown transfer stations, and the cars are no longer pristine.

At midday, earphones are everywhere and people talk on cell phones when the train is aboveground.

The second wave surges in the afternoon. I shoehorn myself into a packed Red Line car from Metro Center to Bethesda. Conclusion: It's hard to breathe with your nose in someone's hat in either direction.

At day's end, the exhausted homebound mix with exhilarated socializers. The cars are trashed now, the day's litter mulched by the stampede of two rush hours.

On the Green Line, a young man eats fries and cranks the little speaker on his iPod Touch, violating two Metro rules at once. I wait an extra half-hour at Gallery Place and finally pull into Takoma at 12:43 a.m.

"You're the last," says the station manager. "No more trains tonight." STEVE HENDRIX (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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See video footage of a day spent traversing every Metro line, ranging from rush hour to the quiet of night.

D.C. Teacher **Allegedly Impregnated Student**

Washington

D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee says a D.C. public school teacher allegedly impregnated an 18-year-old special needs student before being laid off in October.

Rhee did not name the teacher or student in a letter to D.C. City Council Chairman Vincent Gray.

Rhee's letter, dated Feb. 12, said police and prosecutors told school officials that because of the student's age, a criminal investigation was not warranted.

Rhee wrote the letter after Gray asked for more information about a statement Rhee made in January that teachers laid off at the beginning of the year had records that included sexual abuse. The president of the Washington Teachers' Union says he had e-mails from the teacher suggesting he had been cleared of the accusations. (AP)

Contact us today

The number of deaths linked to the swine flu outbreak in Virginia, according to the state health commissioner. Dr. Karen Remley, the commissioner, said Friday that about 30 percent of the deaths occurred among black resident, who make up about 20 percent of the population. Some officials speculate that higher rates of such underlying conditions as diabetes and asthma in blacks may be a factor. (AP)

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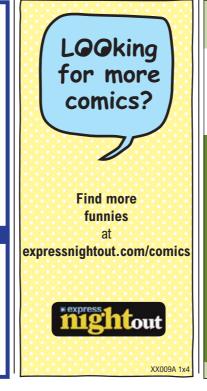
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"It's just awesome. The way I executed, the way I skied is something I'll be proud of the rest of my life."



Bode Miller skis furiously down Whistler Creekside on Sunday during the super-combined. He overcame a deficit after the downhill with a brilliant run during the slalom.

A Golden Moment for Miller

American completes stunning comeback in super-combined

Alpine Skiing

Bode Miller finally won his elusive gold medal, using a blistering slalom run Sunday to complete one of the most unlikely Olympic comebacks ever.

Four years after bombing out amid lofty expectations at the Turin Games and a year after practically walking away from the sport, Miller won the super-combined for his third medal in as many events at Vancouver.

Seventh after the morning downhill run, Miller skied the third-fastest afternoon slalom leg for a two-run time of 2 minutes, 44.92 seconds — a comfortable 0.33 second ahead of Ivica Kostelic of Croatia, who matched his



His Bodacious Feat

Bode Miller's victory boosted the U.S. medal tally in Alpine skiing at the Vancouver Games to a record eight—already three more than the five from Sarajevo in 1984—with four races remaining. As the U.S.' stature grows, so does Miller's legacy. With five Olympic med-

als overall, he is tied with Italy's Alberto Tomba and Norway's Lasse Kjus for second on the all-time Alpine list for men, trailing only the eight by Kjetil Andre Aamodt of Norway. His Vancouver performance adds to his four world championships in four different disciplines. (AP)

silver medal at Turin. Silvan Zurbriggen of Switzerland claimed bronze, 0.40 second back.

For a guy who has insisted that medals aren't important, this one clearly was special. "I skied with 100 percent heart — I didn't hold anything back. ... It's just awesome. There's nothing else to say."

Having skipped summer training while he debated retiring, Miller nearly didn't have enough energy

to hold on as he came over the final pitch of the slalom course.

Miller has also won a silver and a bronze at the Vancouver Games — a sharp contrast from his no-medal performance in Turin, where he made more headlines for his latenight partying than his skiing.

Miller said he was running on "fumes" following his first two races, the downhill and the super-G. "I felt awesome about it," he said.

"But still, it's incredibly emotionally exhausting to do it like that.

"I've got one leg that's injured and another leg that's on my boat already," he added, looking forward to his post-season vacation.

Winning the super-combined was appropriate for Miller, who has always been proud of his overall skiing ability. Super-combined adds the times from one downhill run and one slalom leg — meaning it is a true test of an overall skier.

Miller won two overall World Cup titles — the first in 2004-05 and the second in 2007-08 in his first season racing independently from the U.S. Ski Team. After debating all summer whether to even return to skiing, Miller rejoined the U.S. team in September and hastily prepared for the World Cup season.

His true goal, he now acknowledges, was preparing to redeem himself at the Olympics. Mission accomplished. ANDREW DAMPF (AP)

Medal Count







▲ United States

TOTAL: 24

COUNTRY				T
Germany	5	6	5	16
Norway	5	3	4	12
S. Korea	4	4	1	9
Canada	4	3	1	8
Austria	2	3	3	8
France	2	2	4	8
Switzerland	5	0	2	7
Russia	2	3	2	7
Sweden	3	1	2	6

Top Performers



Evgeny Ustyugov, Russia

The World Cup leader won Russia's first gold medal in a men's Olympic biathlon race in 16 years with his 35-minute, 35.7-second run in the men's 15k mass start on Sunday.

Magdalena Neuner, Germany

Neuner overcame two missed shots to win the women's 12.5k mass start biathlon race Sunday for her second gold medal in Vancouver. Her time of 35 minutes, 19.6 seconds, was 5.5 seconds ahead of Russia's Olga Zaitseva.

Late Results

The Olympic men's hockey game between the United States and Canada ended after Express' deadline on Sunday night. For a full recap, plus coverage of ice dancing's original dance and the two-man bobsled's final two runs, see washingtonpost. com/olympics.

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Vancouver 2010

Canadian Skater's Mother Dies

Rochette still plans to compete despite sudden family loss

Figure Skating

A few hours after learning of her mother's sudden death, Canadian figure skating star Joannie Rochette was back on the ice.

Dressed in black tights and a black Canadian team hoodie, Rochette appeared in the runway as the rest of the skaters in her practice session took the ice Sun-

> day afternoon. She wiped her eyes and took a deep breath before stepping on the ice, then gave a wave to the spectators in the building awaiting the original dance.

Rochette

Therese Rochette, 55, had a massive heart attack after arriving in Vancouver on Saturday and was pronounced dead at a hospital in Vancouver, said David Baden, Rochette's agent.

"She's so close to her mother, I think she doesn't even entertain not skating," Baden said. "This is what she has been training for all these years. She'll be trying to fulfill the goal they had together."

Rochette will not talk until after she finishes competing, Skate Canada president Benoit Lavoie said. The women's event begins Tuesday with the short program. (AP)

Ovie, Russia Push Aside Czechs



ALEX OVECHKIN, left, hits Roman Polak of the Czech Republic in Russia's 4-2 victory Sunday. Ovechkin had an assist and Evgeni Melkin scored twice to push the Russians into the quarterfinals of the Olympic hockey tournament.

U.S. Curlers Are No Match For Canadians

Curling

The Canadian women's curlers made quick work of the U.S. team Sunday, winning 9-2 in a shortened sevenend match to stay unbeaten.

Cheryl Bernard scored four points in the third end after the Americans had gone ahead with one in the second. The Canadians (5-0) left three stones in scoring position before Bernard's final offering was spot-on. That after also taking out a U.S. stone.

It was a rare blowout for Canada. Bernard already had two extraend victories and two others in the 10th when she had to nail her final throw. (AP)

What to Watch

MEN'S CURLING

(NOON, USA) It doesn't get any easier for the struggling U.S. against Canada.

WOMEN'S HOCKEY

(3 P.M., USA) The U.S. women, who have outscored opponents 31-1 in the Olympics so far, face Sweden for a spot in the gold-medal game.

CROSS-COUNTRY SKIING

(3 P.M., NBC) The men's and women's team sprints.



Gigi Marvin and the strong U.S. women's hockey team play Sweden on Monday.

ICE DANCING

(8 P.M., NBC) Turin silver medalists Tanith Belbin and Ben Agosto of the U.S. skate for gold in the free dance.

MEN'S AERIALS

(8 P.M., NBC) Ryan St. Onge and Jeret Peterson lead the U.S. contingent during the qualifying round.

SKI JUMPING

(8 P.M., NBC) Austria is the heavy favorite in the team competition.

Sports

Strasburg May Start in Minors

Top pick makes some tosses as Nats aim to temper expectations

The Nationals

Stephen Strasburg is already creating a buzz in spring training.

About 150 fans, twice the normal number for Washington's first workout, watched Nationals pitchers and catchers practice Sunday. And most of them had their eyes squarely on the No. 1 pick in last June's draft.

Strasburg threw 37 pitches — matching his jersey number — during his nine-minute session, one of



Stephen Strasburg signs autographs Sunday. About 150 fans watched him pitch.

five pitchers manager Jim Riggleman watched intently. Strasburg tossed four-seam fastballs, twoseamers, a slider/curveball hybrid and changeups.

After the outing, Riggleman

tried to temper expectations swirling around the right-hander.

"We're open-minded. Everybody's performances will determine where they end up," Riggleman said. "[Strasburg] could pitch real well down here, but we still may feel like the development process is to be respected."

If Strasburg starts his first professional season in the minors, the 21-year-old from San Diego State said that's fine. "They have a plan for me," he said. "I trust that they're going to handle me the right way. You just got to worry about what you can control — and that's going out there and trying to help your team win a ballgame." (AP)

TV Lineup



WIZARDS (7 P.M., CSN) Playing better since acquiring Josh Howard and Al Thornton, the Wizards take on the Chicago Bulls.

MEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M.,

9 P.M., ESPN) West Virginia and Connecticut tip off in a Big East duel, and then No. 1 Kansas hosts Oklahoma.

WOMEN'S COLLEGE HOOPS (7 P.M., 9 P.M., ESPN2) Tennessee battles LSU, and Baylor locks horns with Texas A&M.

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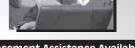
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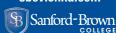
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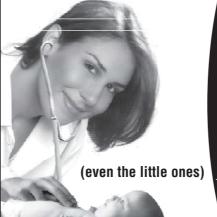
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Booze Clues

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Most D.C. happy hours are fairly straightforward: \$4 beer, \$5 cocktails, discounted food, done. But Jordan's 8 Grille (523 Eighth St. SE), a slick, modern bar on Barracks Row, has created a byzantine specials menu that will be



nearly impossible to keep straight. Luckily, it's also full of awesome deals.

Here goes: Tonight between 5 and 8, you can fill up on half-price wings and bison burgers, \$5 quesadillas, \$4

Cuervo margaritas and \$3 Coronas. Later in the week you can score halfprice wine (Wednesdays and Thursdays), half-price sushi (Tuesdays and Fridays), free dessert with the purchase of any entree and \$2 Yuengling (both on Thursdays). If we tried to list all the specials for the week, we'd run out of newspaper. Suffice it to say that from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Saturdays, all beer is half-price. Want the full schedule? Befriend one of the bartenders and make him/her write it on a napkin for you. Gosh, if only all this information was on the Internet someplace ...

And on That Note ...

If Capitol Hill is too out of the way for you to hit up Jordan's, find something closer using the new database of happy hours on Expressnightout. com. You can search by time, day of the week and what you'd like to drink, and thus far we've covered Dupont Circle, Georgetown, Chinatown, Capitol Hill and U Street. Keep an eye out for Columbia Heights, Adams Morgan and the Atlas District, which are next on our list.







Bear Grylls, left, and Les Stroud astound Discovery Channel viewers with their outdoorsy stunts. We can only hope they're paid well to risk their lives for basic cable.

Survival of the Telegenic

Discovery Channel wild men Bear Grylls and Les Stroud show their skills on DVD

Television

Need companionship for a sojourn in the wilderness? You could do worse than "Man vs. Wild's" Bear Grylls or "Suvivorman's" Les Stroud. Both are the kind of super-manly dude you want on your side when Mother Nature's in a bad mood.

After all, Grylls and Stroud have dealt with some of the worst situations imaginable, as documented on a pair of DVDs released by the Discovery Channel Tuesday, "Man vs. Wild: Stranded Around the World" (\$14.98) and "Survivorman: Alone in the American Wilderness" (\$14.98). Each collection contains four of the host's most dangerous trips: Grylls faces off against the African savannah; Ecuador's Andes mountains and Amazon rain forest; the Siberian tundra; and Turkey's Anatolian Plateau, while Stroud sticks stateside and takes on Utah's harsh Canyonlands; Georgia's swampy Altamaha River Basin; the Sierra Nevada; and Colorado's Rocky Mountains.

And amid all those roughand-tumble environments, who comes off looking manlier? Well, it depends on whether you're going into these DVDs blind. If you know of Grylls' reputation for bringing helpers along or staging certain situations in his favor, then you can't stop that little voice in the back of your head doubting everything he's doing on-screen; you'd probably immediately side with Stroud and his antics.

And, indeed, Stroud is ballsy enough to strand himself in situations with neither gear nor crew, fully dependent on himself. Whether he's purposefully spending a week in the Sierra Nevada and challenging search-and-rescue teams to find him — or braving alligators in the musky, smelly Altamaha River Basin bog, there's always some danger lurking around the corner that Stroud shows viewers how to handle. What if you don't know how to hike out of your camping spot or are worried about the "bush panic" associated with getting lost? No big deal; Stroud will show you what's up.

The only downside to the new collections is that they offer no extras or special features. If you've already seen these episodes on TV and are expecting something more, you're not going to get it. But if you're just looking for a crash course in survivalism, either "Stranded Around the World" or "Alone in the American Wilderness" is worth your time — and your awe. ROXANA HADADI



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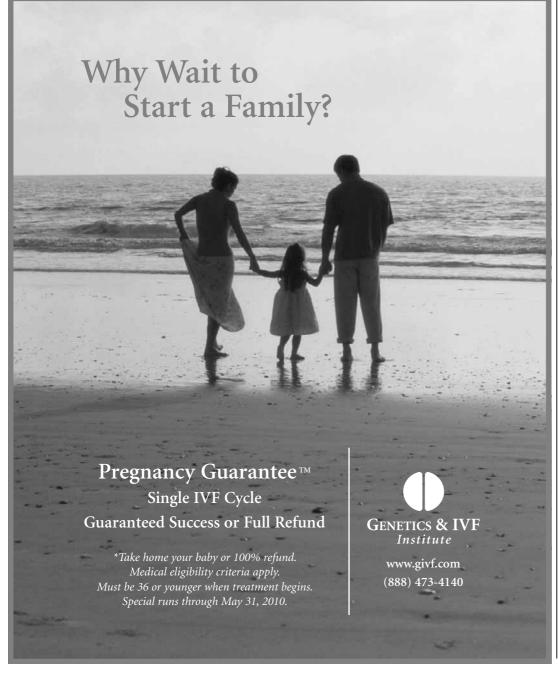
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entertainment lookout

Nurse Jackie Does It Her Way

Edie Falco is tough yet winning in the Showtime saga

DVD Review

As Carmela in "The Sopranos," Edie Falco didn't take crap from anyone. And, thankfully, she brings that same steeliness and resolve to her starring role in "Nurse Jackie" — the show couldn't work without it.

The Showtime series, whose first season wrapped up in August



and is now out Tuesday on DVD (\$25.99), focuses on emergency room nurse Jackie Peyton. Often forcing others to bow to her will, Peyton

doesn't really care about riling anyone up or doing what's ethically correct — she wants results for her patients, and it doesn't matter how she gets them.

Yes, you may see some touches of Dr. Gregory House (like a drug addiction), and the show's sometimes-sarcastic feel may bring to mind the antics of "Nip/Tuck." But over the course of the season, Peyton breaks free of such molds and proves she truly cares about those for whom she's responsible.

The season starts by introducing viewers to Peyton, who demonstrates her specific breed of vigilante nursing justice almost immediately. She helps an overcon-



As nurse Jackie Peyton, Edie Falco must do purposeful things with bottles.

fident doctor and an overzealous new nurse, despite how annoying she finds them. Though she treats one of her patients — a bloodthirsty psycho who has diplomatic immunity and therefore can't really be punished for his crimes — with as much politeness as she can muster, she still flushes his cut-off ear down the toilet.

The DVD set is packed with extensive interviews, commentaries and special features that bring "Jackie" to life. There's the "Prepping Nurse Jackie" extra that outlines the creation of the show, the "All About Edie" extra that describes Falco's adaptation to the role, and the "Unsung Heroes" extra that focuses on the real-life nursing field. Together, they give you a solid feel for the variety of positive factors that make the show so successful. ROXANA HADADI

Casting Call



Excuse Our French: Twitter sensation "S*** My Dad Says" is becoming a TV pilot, with William Shatner set to play the dad. The casting of Shatner lifts the contingency on CBS' project based on the Twitter account, which has enlisted more than 1.16 million followers since launching in August and has made its creator, Justin Halpern, an Internet star. (THE HOLLYWOOD REPORTER)

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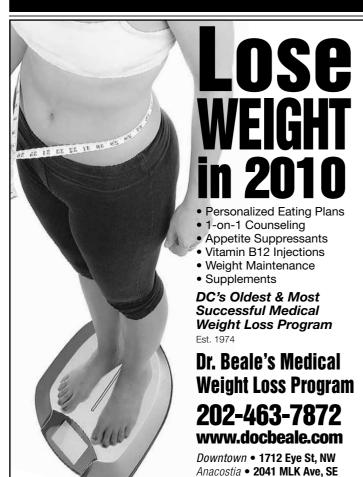
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'Work': Like a Charm

Shout Out Louds' simple approach succeeds on their solid new album

CD Review

Shout Out Louds are an example of an indie band gone exactly right for all the right reasons. No weird gimmicks, no coattail-riding: just straight-up hard work and talent. So, it's indeed fitting that the group's third and latest album is called "Work," since that's what Shout Out Louds do best.

A hallmark of producer Phil Ed (Fleet Foxes, Band of Horses and the Shins) is a simple live-recording approach with minimal layering and remixing, and that's a process that brings out the best in Shout Out Louds. "Work" is the band's least dramatic, most

stripped-down release yet, but it's still chock-full of warmth and style. The general lack of percussion and string-based crescendos doesn't hurt the album in the least and, in fact, makes the songs a little easier to sink into. They're the paragon of deceptive simplicity: The album doesn't reach for the sky or sink to any major depths, but it performs very well on its middle ground. It's melancholy but not depressed, foggy but not opaque.

Shout Out Louds have gotten a little less emotive, too, since their song "Very Loud" was featured in 2008's "Nick and Norah's Infinite Playlist" — there's less "little by little you're going to hear me cry" and more stony-faced solemnity and even pseudo-violence. The first track, "1999," opens with LCD Soundsystem-style rhythm and memories of "like a punch in the face, I never felt so alive since 19 19 99/the time that we got it all out." The album settles in with the lilting pulse of "Fall Hard," then launches into "Walls," the first single, which exemplifies "Work's" more restrained direction, using a familiar mix of guitar, piano and horns to lay down a solid foundation rather than attempt a tower of Babel.

Maybe more lofty heights will be reached in the next album, but Shout Out Louds know they can take their time getting there. "I took too many pills and wrote my will just to get to ya," Adam Olenius says on "Walls," but death is the furthest thing from his mind. After all, there's still work to do. AFTON LORRAINE WOODWARD

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When Ignorance Is No Longer Bliss

Not many Bernie Madoff casualties were left with Alexandra Penney's resources. Besides her Manhattan apartment, she had homes in the Hamptons and Florida. As a best-selling author and the former editor of Self, she had no trouble landing a deal to chronicle her changing fates in this book. Fears of becoming homeless duel with everyday details: getting her highlights done and paying the cleaning lady. Yet this riches-to-rags tome is frustratingly short on essential information. Penney never tells us how much money she lost or exactly how she survived financially. She won't even say how old she is. If You Like: The musicians who continued to play even as the Titanic sank. If You Don't Like: Suze Orman, 401(k)s. (BLOOMBERG/EXPRESS)

TV tonight lookout

Best Bets



How I Met Your Mother Barney's trying so hard to be the perfect boyfriend, but his know-it-all tendencies are rubbing Robin the wrong way. After the tension erupts in the couple's first real fight, they turn to Lily and Marshall for help.





Life Unexpected

Pressured by station management, Ryan and Cate reluctantly let Baze join them on the air for what turns into a very public therapy session. Lux (Britt Robertson, left) tries to persuade Jones (guest star Austin Butler) to drop the charges against her boyfriend.



Two and a Half Men After enduring what seems to be the entire catalog of humiliation that could be visited on any man, Alan is forced to endure yet another: working for his mommy, Evelyn.



Castle After a dead man is found stuffed in a garbage chute, Castle (Nathan Fillion, right) and Beckett have their hands full when two women - the man's wife and his fiancee - arrive to identify the body. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)





DAMAGES

Twisted Family Ties



On "Damages" (10 p.m., FX), the struggles and the

woundings grow intimate. To say the Madoff-like Louis Tobin (Len Cariou) and his son, Joe (Campbell Scott), have issues is an understatement. It's bad enough when Dad swindles the world and ruins the family name. But then he beds Junior's ex and puts a deadly tail on his son. Meanwhile, Patty's (Glenn Close) own son is keeping weird secrets, and who can blame him after the way she kicked his father to the curb? KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Cult Fave



Panic Monday

On "24" (9 p.m., Fox), President Taylor (Cherry Jones, above) presses on with her international peace process as the nation remains vulnerable. As CTU faces the very real possibility of a massive failure, things get personal when operatives take matters into their own hands to avoid being blamed in the new episode "Day 8: 12:00 a.m.-1:00 a.m." (TRIBUNE MEDIA)



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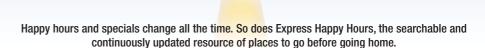
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"It may have been one of the worst speeches ever given. Maybe practice in the mirror a few times so vou don't come off reading it like C-3PO. It came off way too much like an 'SNL' skit. I kept expecting Tiger [Woods] to look up and say, 'Live from New York, it's Saturday night!""

— A COMMENTER AT NBADIMENSIONS.NET FOUND THE GOLFER'S FRIDAY TELEVISED STATEMENT RATHER ROBOTIC AND STAGED.

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Horoscope

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You may be expected to take on more responsibility. What is most important, of course, is that you don't overburden yourself.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) You're not likely to go about your business in a way that others can anticipate or secondguess. You'll enjoy surprising others.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) It matters not whether you are giving or receiving; what's important is that info is being passed freely from one to another.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Take the time to make specific plans. There are those who doubt your sincerity or your ability to come through. They'll be surprised.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) It's a good day to tap into your desires and focus on what brings you the most pleasure. You may have been wasting time lately.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Preparations are tomorrow's successes, and if you keep things going in this way, you can score many victories in the days to come.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Your attitude may require some adjustment before you head down a road that offers reward in exchange for increased effort.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) You need something that is not easily acquired, but if you're patient you can have it, provided you are in the right place at the right time.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) A major problem can be solved, just in time for you to turn to a new and exciting project with enthusiasm and a free spirit.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)

You may be feeling somewhat trapped - if not by one person, then by circumstances. Take a deep breath, and solve this problem.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)

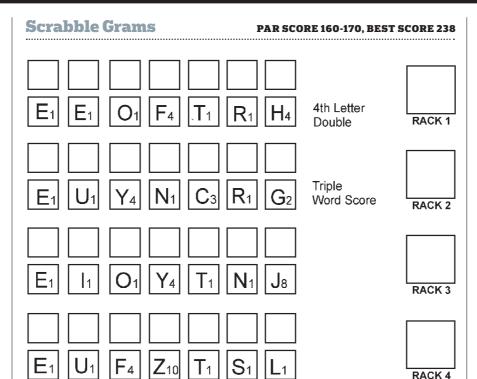
Your behavior is likely to suggest certain wishes and desires to others, but now isn't the time to give such secrets away.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)

You and a partner may want to reconsider how you keep records of income and expenses. Things are not in the kind of order that you prefer.

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Friday's Solution

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PEARLS BEFORE SWINE I STEPHAN PASTIS

RAT! RAT! I FOUND A BABY

UNICORN IN OUR GARDEN! I NAMED

HIM UNI! HIS HORN HAS MAGICAL

POWERS! HE CAN DO ALL SORTS OF

NEAT STUFF FOR US!







PLEASE DON'T PICK UP TRASH

WITH UNI.



tonight with rain.

Forecast

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Today: Rain this afternoon. Areas of fog

Tomorrow: Fog tomorrow; a little morning rain. Mainly cloudy tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead







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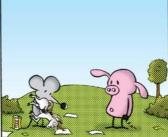
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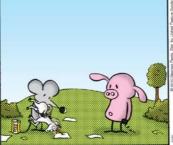
Sunrise today: 6:51 a.m. Sunset today: 5:53 p.m. Moonrise today: 11:09 a.m. Moonset today: 1:44 a.m.

Record high: 75 Normal low: 31 Record low: 7

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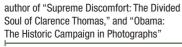




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Crossword

A POSITIVE MESSAGE

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ACROSS

- 1 Sixties hairstyle
- 5 Brewer's need
- 9 "Let's Make
- 14 Point on a radar screen
- 15 Scatter with Grammys 16 Two-time U.S. Open
- winner Stewart
- 17 Beatles classic
- 19 Correct text
- 20 "I Can ___ Clearly Now"
- 21 Watch-pocket places
- 22 Tuscan marble-
- exporting city
- 23 Main or Easy
- 25 Vandalize
- 27 Babbling waterway
- 30 Turkey's capital
- 33 Railroad station
- 36 Chaka once in Rufus
- 38 ___ and don'ts
- 39 Neural impulse transmitters
- 40 Battering device
- 41 Art class outfit
- 43 Blanc or Tillis 44 "For Pete's ____!"
- 45 Atlanta team
- 46 Analyst's concern
- 49 Archie Bunker, to Mike
- Stivic
- 51 Susan Lucci's character 53 Barnum "attraction"
- 57 Braying burden bearers
- 59 An Allman brother
- 62 Cause of silence
- 63 Brine-cured cheeses
- 64 Reply on a ship, sometimes
- 66 Glacial climber's ridge
- 67 Hit with hailstones
- 68 shui
- 69 Closer to extinction
- 70 Ab ____ (absent)
- 71 Musical FOX sitcom

DOWN

- 1 Yawning gap
- 2 Truck collection

- 3 Stairstep part
- 4 Be choosy

- 5 "From ___ Eternity" 6 No-longer-made make
- 7 ___ du jour (French restaurant feature)
- 8 Utter, to Shakespeare
- 9 Tarzan, for one
- 10 Fahric of raised woven figures
- 11 Cosmetic coloring
- 12 Blyth and Jillian
- 13 One of Jupiter's moons
- 18 Turns inside out
- 24 Blake's black 26 Made it into print
- 28 Creole veggie
- 29 Army uniform material
- 31 "Jailhouse ____"
- (Preslev hit)
- 32 Acts as a guizmaster
- 33 Favorable for mildew

- 34 Unlikely valentine swappers 35 Suit material, perhaps
- 37 ___ corner (church
- area) 41 "Scooby-Doo"

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- college) 44 Word on a wine label
- 47 Invent
- 48 Snake or cat, on occasion
- 50 Official emissary
- 52 Apparently amazed
- 54 Chart holder
- 55 Cast pearls before _
- 56 Twill
- 57 From a considerable distance

- 58 "... ___, whatever will be, will he'
- 60 Pumpernickel cousins

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- 61 Finless fish
- 65 Alphabetic run

Friday's Solution

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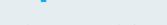
<mark>Today</mark> in History

1861 President-electricianal Lincoln arrives secretly in Washington, D.C., to take office after an assassination plot was foiled in Baltimore.

1954 The first mass inocuration of children against policy The first mass inoculation with the Salk vaccine begins in Pittsburgh.

In a stunning upset, the U.S. Olympic hockey team defeats the Soviets at Lake Placid, N.Y., 4-3.

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SECURITY

Moats Should Really Come Back in Style

Police on Friday arrested a man prohibited from contacting Audrina Patridge. Zachary Loring was arrested after he was seen knocking on the door of the "Hills" star's home. Loring was not carrying a weapon. Loring was being held Friday afternoon on \$160,000 bail on suspicion of stalking and violating a court order. It was his second arrest outside Patridge's

Prince William Remains Boring, Palace Assures

Did Britain's Prince William dye his hair black? That's what the British press have been asking since a photo of an apparently black-haired prince emerged. The portrait was shot by a formerly homeless photographer, to be auctioned off for charity. A palace spokeswoman says the appearance of dark hair was a result of studio lighting and digital color contrast. (AP)



When you have so little of something, it's best not to douse it with chemicals.

Technology



Dante Adds Circle of Hell

Welcome, SpeidiWeb! The developer promises this \$1.99 iPhone app will offer "access to unseen photos, candids and videos unavailable to fans, until now." There's more! "Streaming music from Heidi's newest albums will keep you entertained while you browse." The final blow: "You will never miss a hilarious PR stunt again." (EXPRESS)



Marriage Begun!

YOUNG LOVE Hilary Duff is engaged to Edmonton Oilers forward Mike Comrie. Starter Publicist Nanci Ryder says the two were engaged last weekend while in Hawaii. She says in an e-mail distributed by the Oilers that the two "are very excited to share this happy news." The proposal comes during the NHL's two-week break for the Olympics. The 22-year-old Duff and 29-year-old Comrie had been dating for more than two years. (AP)



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Sean Penn was charged Friday with battery and vandalism charges stemming from an altercation with a photographer in Brentwood, Calif., last fall. Penn will be arraigned March 22 on the two misdemeanor charges. Penn kicked a photographer during a dustup in October. The incident was captured on a video posted by celebrity Web site TMZ.com. (AP)

"The stuff that I've seen doesn't have any bearing to the reality that I'm in. It's like being in a cartoon."



- BILLY CORGAN. ADDRESSING RUMORS THAT HE AND JESSICA SIMPSON ARE DATING. HE SAYS HE WAS JUST HEI PING HER WITH THE THEME SONG FOR HER

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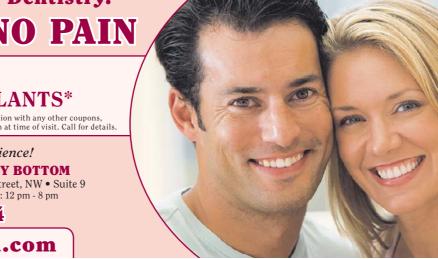
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